

Region 2-CPG Teleconference Summary
February 11, 2016
3:00 to 4:00 PM EDT

Participants:

Jennifer LaPoma, and Chuck Nace for USEPA Region 2

Lisa Saban, Mike Johns, Shannon Katka, Rob Law and Bill Potter representing CPG

Summary:

Representatives from USEPA Region 2 (Region 2) and representatives from the CPG participated in a teleconference call to discuss comment #95 regarding fish exposure areas and comment #2 regarding bird exposure areas

Fish Exposure

Comment #95 – In the last call on January 13, 2016, the CPG asked Region 2 to explain the rationale for the comment regarding determining fish risk in areas where fish were not captured. Since then, Region 2 sent the call summary notes which still did not clarify the comment intention. In this call, CPG asked Chuck to explicitly state Region 2's intention.

Chuck state that Region 2 would like the CPG to expand the area in which the fish diet risk determination was calculated (i.e., not limit prey exposure areas strictly based on where CPG collected fish tissue). He pointed to Table 7-16 and, as an example, asked CPG to expand the RM in the freshwater segment for channel catfish where data was used for input variables rather than limit to only above RM 8. This did help clarify the comment and CPG indicated this can be accommodated since the freshwater zone does include additional areas below RM 8.

Exposure Areas

Comment #2 – CPG asked if Region 2 had reviewed the maps of the 81 mudflats that had been sent following the last conference call. Chuck asked if the issue was that there was no data in some of the areas. CPG stated yes this was the issue. Chuck stated the CPG should try to evaluate birds by reach and discuss the uncertainty.

No other comments were discussed and Region 2 stated they would provide more input on the benthic questions CPG asked them by the 19th or the week of February 22.